

The V.A.-C.P.S. Contract Will Permit Maintenance of Private Practice and Physician-Patient Relationship on an Equitable Basis.—In CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE for January, on pages 45-46, other information was given concerning the nature of the contract through which California physicians will be able to give professional service to veterans in the homes of veterans; thus making for medical care on a private practice, instead of a governmental-institutional basis. In other words, private practice will be maintained and with no loss of the individual physician-patient relationship. The physician will be paid for his services according to the provisions of a stipulated and equitable fee schedule, copies of which were forwarded with C.P.S. President Goin's letter. (Also will appear in March CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.)

A physician rendering medical care to a veteran under the conditions agreed upon, will receive the fee for his services from C.P.S., since C.P.S. is acting in the rôle of a fiscal agent or entity, with which the governmental agency (V.A.) is permitted by law to enter into contract. It would be impossible for V.A. to enter into contract with thousands of physicians.

On page 46 of the January CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE article above referred to, it was stated that an estimate of the number of veterans resident in California was 1,300,000. These figures indicate the significance of the V.A.-C.P.S. contract. In the current issue, figures even larger are mentioned in a Sacramento dispatch (see page 95.)

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California Physicians Have Now a Great Opportunity for Service, and in More Ways than One.—As stated by C.P.S. President Lowell S. Goin in his above letter:

"While this is a great opportunity for the medical profession to further establish the principle of free choice of physicians in the care of veterans, it is also obviously a tremendous responsibility. Should we fail to do a perfect job, and if individual veterans are not satisfied with the consideration accorded them, the consequences are not difficult to foretell."

Therefore, the prompt and cordial coöperation of every California Doctor of Medicine is urged, in order to make certain that the V.A.-C.P.S. contract will be one of genuine success and satisfaction to all concerned.

The physicians of the states of Michigan and California, who were pioneers in establishing voluntary prepayment organizations to render medical care, have it now within their power to demonstrate the value of the organizations they brought into being.

If Michigan and California are successful in their Veterans' Administration programs, other constituent state medical societies will no doubt promptly seek similar contractual relationships with Veterans' Administration.

However, if Michigan and California fall short in this, the proponents of Compulsory Health (Sickness) Insurance will have potent arguments

to present in favor of their Political Medicine schemes.

Every California physician has here a definite responsibility. This time, all Doctors of Medicine must work together for attainment of the major objective of rendering a high quality medical service to a group of veterans who are worthy of the best that scientific medicine can offer.

We must not fail.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, AND—ITS "HISTORICAL BULLETIN"

Diamond Jubilee Dinner on January 31, 1946.—In last month's issue of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL, on page 3, brief comment was made concerning the founding of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, which took place on January 31, 1871, some 75 years ago. (In current issue, see p. 86.)

In 1870, the U. S. census credited the City of Los Angeles with a population of 5,614. Today, Los Angeles County has 3,456,277 residents, the estimated quota of the City of Los Angeles being 1,769,659! (These statistics from an item in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, for January, 1946, on page 59.)

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Los Angeles County Medical Association Has Kept Step with Los Angeles County in Growth.—The Los Angeles County Medical Association was founded by seven physicians. Today this component county unit is credited with 3,400 members, exclusive of several hundred who have been given leaves of absence. Los Angeles County Medical Association is probably the third largest component county medical society in the United States, being exceeded in number only by the New York and Chicago-Cook County societies.

With a record of such remarkable growth in number of members, and notable achievements in organized and scientific medicine, little wonder that this important county unit deemed it proper to honor the memory of its founders by a Diamond Jubilee dinner on the evening of Thursday, January 31, 1946, in the Bowl of the Hotel Biltmore, at which members and guests in excess of 800 were present.

In a succeeding issue of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL may appear comment on the delightful dinner to which members of the C.M.A. Council and their ladies, the living ex-presidents of the California Medical Association, with others, were invited as guests of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

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75th Anniversary Number of "The Bulletin of the Los Angeles County Medical Association" is a Most Valuable Contribution to C.M.A. Archives.—Praiseworthy as was the enjoyable evening of January 31st last, it must be conceded that of as great and perhaps more importance was the appearance and distribution of

the 75th Anniversary Number of *The Bulletin* of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

The Bulletin for this occasion increased its usual size until it became a publication of 202 pages, made up almost entirely of historical text, and replete with numerous relevant and very interesting illustrations taken from records of years ago.

The many pages of important historical memorabilia contained in the Diamond Jubilee number of *The Bulletin* were gathered at expenditure of much effort and time in libraries in Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Francisco by *The Bulletin's* editor, Dr. E. T. Remmen, who had the assistance of a group of friends and co-workers. For this work, to him and his associates, many thanks and much praise.

The 75th Anniversary Number of *The Bulletin* is a valuable addition to the archives of the California Medical Association, the more so because up to the present, our own State Association has never seriously taken up this work.

In a recent issue of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL (CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, NOV., 1945, p. 248), attention was called to a \$25,000 appropriation from the Mayo Properties Association of Rochester, to be used in the production of a volume, "History of Public Health in Minnesota."

The History of Medicine in California, relative to medical organization and practice and public health endeavors, is certainly as extensive as that of Minnesota; and it is to be hoped in the near future, the gathering of historical data concerning the past of the California Medical Association, its component county societies, former members, and the achievements of workers of years ago, may take on definite form, for preservation and permanent record. If the collection and compilation of valuable historical data is not soon started, much of the material may be irretrievably lost.

The Los Angeles County Medical Association is to be congratulated on having paved the way for a similar effort on a state-wide basis.

Our hope,—That other component county societies will emulate the example, so splendidly exemplified.

In due course, copies of the historical number of *The Bulletin* will be placed in the Lane, U.C., San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles, Army, Congressional, and other medical libraries, to permit physicians to whom historical writings have lure, to scan or peruse the story of what has been so well accomplished in the three-quarter century existence of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

Our wish,—That in the 75 years yet to follow, as great and even greater progress may be recorded.

This Year's C.M.A. Annual Session

California Medical Association will hold its 75th Annual Session in Los Angeles Tuesday, May 7-Friday, May 10, 1946. Make note of dates.

STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS—\$4,000,000 FOR ADDITIONS TO MEDICAL CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND \$7,500,000 TO ESTABLISH A NEW MEDICAL DEPARTMENT AT U.C.L.A., IN LOS ANGELES

State Assembly and State Senate Approve Substantial Appropriations.—Under date of February 5, press dispatches from Sacramento gave the important news that two of the items in Governor Earl Warren's call for the special session of the California Legislature, now sitting, had received the approval of the Senate, the bills having been introduced in the Lower House, at an earlier date by Assemblymen M. Philip Davis of Los Angeles and Gardiner Johnson of Berkeley, and given approval by that body.

News item follows:

"\$4,000,000 For U. C. HOSPITAL

"\$7,500,000 Also Voted for U.C.L.A. Medical School Facilities

"Sacramento, Feb. 5.—Two bills appropriating \$11,500,000 received final legislative passage today, paving the way for a new \$7,500,000 medical school at U.C.L.A. and a \$4,000,000 improvement program at the University of California's San Francisco medical center.

"The two items were included in the Governor's \$154,000,000 postwar construction program. . . ." San Francisco Examiner, February 6.

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Governor Warren Is Expected to Sign the Appropriation Bills.—Governor Warren, in his call for a special legislative session, having urged appropriations for the U. C. Medical School in San Francisco and the proposed U.C.L.A. Medical School, and the bills having been accepted with practically no opposition in either Assembly and Senate, it may be assumed that when the two measures are placed on his desk for consideration, he will attach his signature and so enact them.

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These Medical School Appropriations Are Welcomed by California Physicians.—Physicians throughout the State should take pleasure in knowing that through these appropriations, advances in scientific medicine will be promoted and the interests of the public health promoted.

U. C. Medical School in San Francisco.—The present University of California Medical School, with first two years of instruction in Berkeley, and last two in San Francisco, is the successor of Toland Medical College, established in 1862. Toland College became the U. C. Medical Department in 1872. The present arrangement of freshman-sophomore work in Berkeley, with junior-senior clinical division in San Francisco, was instituted in 1906.

The site of the clinical department in San Francisco, at Third and Parnassus, is now known as the U. C. Medical Center. The appropriation of \$4,000,000 will permit long needed improvements and expansion of the work at the Medical Center; and will be more than welcome not only to the members of the teaching staff, but to the many physicians in the northern section of the State